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"ONE KIND WORD CAN WARM THREE WINTER MONTHS" - Japanese Proverb.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Longfellow once wrote: "Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think". Such was my knowing of Jack MacGregor. Jack gave of himself in many ways. I much enjoyed his friendship and appreciated his wisdom over the years. The OCA was well served by Jack with his willingness to support and be involved. His is a good model for us to follow; his example teaches well. Jack will be missed. Our memories of his friendly smile and unassuming nature will sustain us. I am a better person for having known him.

1984 has begun and I want to alert you to several items that will occupy our time in the association. It's clear to me that 'standards' continues to be an important agenda item. At the last Board meeting in early January, a significant period of time was given to this subject. How do we understand the term 'major standard'? Is there clarity? The Standards Committee of the Board will continue to raise this matter for our active consideration.

Reaching out to the whole of the Province is an area to be noted, therefore, be sure to read Sally Moore's article.

The Board continues to struggle with 'purpose' - have we developed the sense of direction necessary to give the association life?; 'vision' - what is the best we can dream about for the Association as it undertakes its many tasks?; and 'design' - are we drawing up plans to make our purpose effective and to make our dreams come true?

These are the current questions. We invite your response.

I look forward to seeing a number of you at some of the events noted elsewhere in this Newsletter. The OCA is alive and well - if we are alive and well - giving our best as individuals for the good of all.

K. GRANT KERR - President.

FROM THE EDITOR

You know it is great belonging to an association with members who care. It has been a challenge hammering out the new format for this newsletter. And many of you have written in kind letters advising new changes. Thank you. I think that the majority of us agree that the December issue ~~stunk~~ was not acceptable. We are attempting to increase the size of the print and space the articles more effectively; bear with us.

Well it's reunion time once again! The annual 'biggy' conference (February 23-25) is almost here. It will offer a chance for you to put a face to Board Members' names (who are incidentally, looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you attending the conference.) And yes Fred, Laura, Bert, Connie, Donald, will be there too! See you there! 'Beautiful winter we're having isn't it!

UPDATE

MORE NEWS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION DEPARTMENT.

As I write this short note, we are in the middle of the Boat Show promotion at the Coliseum and I am very happy to say that acceptance of our exhibit by the visiting public has been excellent and the phones are already ringing off the hook in the office with requests for our OCA Directory of Accredited Camps!

We have had excellent co-operation from Olivetti, who provided us with three complete M20 personal computers for all three shows that we are doing this year. The computers have been programmed with all accredited member camps, residential and day, and list all of the activities that you have shown in the new copy of the directory. All visitors to our booth are invited to key in the camp activities that they like and the computer will give them a printout of all the camps that have a reasonable percentage of those activities. However, our main interest is in having people contact us for our free directory and the computer printout emphasizes the availability of this directory. We encourage visitors to obtain a directory, read it carefully, and then contact the camps that interest them the most.

Whilst we were not exactly overwhelmed with offers of help at the booth (see December edition of OCA news!), we did receive a very positive response to the telephone campaign that Fred Okada conducted for us. Thank you Fred and thanks to everyone who came down to help us at the booth. It would be nice if more people would call the office regarding the next two shows to save us telephone time (dates again are: Sports Expo Ontario - February 24th to 26th, 1984; Toronto Sportsmen's Show - March 16th to 25th, 1984).

Our television commercial is proceeding nicely and we anticipate that it will be ready for sending out to T.V. stations early in February. We would like to say a particular thank you to Nick Florian of Camp Onondaga for allowing us to use several clips from his camp movie at no cost. We are most appreciative of this generous contribution.

In closing I would like to say a special

thank you to my committee man Michael Southam of Camp Otterdale. Michael is a tower of strength and did an excellent job in securing the computers, booth materials and loaning us furnishings from his office.

See you at Sports Expo Ontario!

SKIP CONNETT - Canadian Adventure Camp Chairman, Public Relations & Promotions.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS

The Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1983 with the changes for summer camps, referred to in your last newsletter have not been to Parliamentary Committee as of yet. Peter Willmott the Project Manager Officer with the Public Health Branch has informed the OCA that the old licensing procedure and old regulations will, therefore, be in force for this summer (1984). Mr. Willmott (tel. 963-2232) would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have about the old or new regulations.

JANET ADAMSON.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Greetings from the Environmental Concerns Committee. At the upcoming Directors conference in February the ECC will be presenting both a session and operate a booth addressing the questions around "acid rain". What is it? What can be done about it? and most importantly what can we do about it at camp, how does it affect us as camps, and how can it be incorporated into a program. Hope to see you there.

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) has produced a 15 minute film entitled "Insult Threat and Challenge". It outlines the seriousness and present situation regarding the sources, circumstances, treatment and disposal of industrial waste. Dr. Roger Schauss farmer, economist and professor of environmental studies at York University points out that there is a "hidden cost" in everything we use, and that we haven't yet learned to deal with the industrial waste generated by such common place things as paint, batteries, disinfectant and coffee-mate to name a few, let alone the projected wastes of the future. "The unavoidable

legacy of a consumer society".

Fortunately, unlike many other films of this type, "threat insult and challenge" spends much of the time offering some well presented, plain english solutions. The most popular of these seems to be a 3 component system. The first component is high temperature burning, which is used mostly for petro-chemical products. The second is the physical/chemical treatment of inorganic wastes and the third element is "engineered landfill", or the storage of detoxificated waste.

As camp people we have a unique opportunity to educate our campers. Waste management could definitely be incorporated into any camp program. Even though the film itself wouldn't be suitable for camper viewing, it provides much for you as a planner.

The film is available for loan from your public library or from OWMC.

Ontario Waste Management Corporation,
2 Bloor Street West, 11th Floor,
TORONTO, Ontario
M4W 3E2.
Telephone: 1-800-923-2918.

JEFF READING, Environmental Concerns
Committee.

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1983 - 1984 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
UPDATE.

Regional Development? Never heard of it? The intention of this article is to update the Membership regarding the 1983 - 1984 OCA Regional Development Project. Funded by The Ministry of Tourism and Recreation (MTR), the project was created to assist the OCA to meet the needs of our membership living in the areas outside of Central Ontario.

In 1982 The MTR's Camp Consultation Service funded two Consultants to visit non-profit camps in the Southern, Northern, and Eastern regions of Ontario.

The Consultants met with members of the OCA Board to discuss three issues concerning this Association. Firstly, the OCA was unknown to many of the non-profit camps visited. Secondly, camps in these regions found it costly to travel and participate in the

staff and professional development workshops generally located in or around the Toronto area. Thirdly, these events often met the needs of those operating camps in Central Ontario, however, regional needs and concerns are felt to be very different.

A proposal was presented to the Board in the Spring of 1983. Upon receipt of financial support of a grant from MTR, the project was to begin. The appointment of a chairperson followed.

In June 1983, MTR, Camping and Outdoor Education Services, hosted two successful staff development workshops held in London and Sudbury. Such events were to be pilot examples of those in a later year to be known as OCA Regional Development Workshops.

Four of the five regions now have Regional Representatives who are prepared to represent their regions on the Regional Development Committee. Sally Moore is the Chairperson. The regions and Representatives are listed below:-

ALGOMA Bev Robinson
(Sault Ste. Marie) 184 Hugill St.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
P6A 4E8 (705) 949-6933 H

SUDBURY Dale Pepin
Box 1087, Copper Cliff, Ont.
POM 1N0 (705) 682-2957 H

OTTAWA Joe Pavia
Ottawa YM-YWCA, 180 Argyle,
Ottawa, Ont. K2P 1B7
(613) 237-1320 W

LONDON Cathy Russell
P.O. Box 85, Delaware, Ont.
NOL 1E0 (519) 471-3799

THUNDER BAY To be appointed

Your support is necessary as committee volunteers and as active participants in the regionally planned event. Regional Committee involvement includes:-

- Answering or forwarding to the Chairperson inquiries of members, parents or the general public about the OCA,
- Assisting with the planning and implementing of Staff Regional Development Workshops,
- Writing articles to the OCA Newsletter informing the Membership of News, needs, concerns and dates of workshops,

- Being Friendly Advisors to new Camp Directors in your area,
- All committee volunteers are encouraged to be Members of the Association,
- The Regional Representative, as the Chairperson of the Regional Committee, will be a member of the OCA Regional Development Committee.

Regional Reps have already begun the planning for the workshops in your area which are to be held this spring. They need your assistance to provide valuable input and to provide leadership at these events.

DO NOT HESITATE TO BECOME INVOLVED.

Many thanks to the OCA Board (Past and Present) and the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation for giving life to this Project.

THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM OUR PAST

The Archives Committee would like to provide future generations with the facts of camping in Ontario. The search for contacts to information on DEFUNCT CAMPS goes on. Alphabetically from where we left off at the end of the K's - L, M, N & O follows:-

Little Buckeroo, Lockinvar, Marygrove, Metagami, McGrega'boon, McPherson, Mohawk, Nathanael, Northern Lights, Northwoods, Ontario Council CGIT, Oak-A-Lea, Ogama, Ontario Council of Christian Education, Oshawa YWCA Day Camp, Ottawa YMCA, Otter, Ontario Crippled Children's Camps resigned 1965, not defunct.

Phone, please, Mrs. Barbara Gilchrist (416) 656-3403 or Miss Helen Stewart (416) 622-6639 or write to O.C.A., 1806 Avenue Road, Ste. 2, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3Z1, any clues, no matter how remote.

Thank you for past and anticipated response.

THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE.

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THE FUNNYBONE - HAL HANNAFORD EDITOR.

*Why do ducks have flat feet?
- to put out Forest Fires.
Why do elephants have flat feet?
- to put out burning ducks.*

Submitted by:- Beatrice Hogarth of Hornings Mills & Doug Mann of Woodstock.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1984
SENECA COLLEGE NEWNHAM CAMPUS.

DON'T WAIT FOR SUMMER

Find Out About Camps Now!

Wednesday, March 21st is a date to remember - so please remind your Campers and staff that it's

NATIONAL CAMPING DAY

The theme for National Camping Day 1984 is: Don't Wait for Summer - Find Out About Camps Now!

The Winter '84 issue of CANADIAN CAMPING included a special notice about March 21st (on pages 8 & 9). The black and white 'poster' should be photocopied and mailed to your campers and staff.

Did you know that OCA Camps involved over 13,600 Staff and 108,700 Campers last summer? It would be fantastic if everyone from OCA camps wore their CAMP T-SHIRTS on MARCH 21st to show the public how big the camping movement is!

More public awareness means more people deciding to try camp for their child this summer. Help spread the word to your campers and staff now!

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ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION CANOE SCHOOL

June 7 to June 10, 1984. A special emphasis will be placed on canoeing at camps, games and ways to teach children - at camp. If you or a staff member are interested in attending please contact the O.C.A. office for application forms and further details.

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D I R E C T O R S C O N F E R E N C E

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25, 1984

UP DATE

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 23rd - OPENING - 7:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: K. GRANT KERR, PRESIDENT - ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

TITLE: "HEIRS TO A WHIRLWIND"

Note: There will be no printed digest of conference session contents. Selected sessions are being taped. One free cassette tape is included in each full conference registration. Additional tapes can be purchased at the conference at the audio archives desk.

DON'T DELAY, REGISTER EARLY.

Please support the O.C.A. by taking advantage of the special room rate. The number of rooms rented directly relates to the cost the hotel charges for the meeting rooms.

WHAT'S HAPPENING - cont'd.

Other Canoe Schools being offered by Canoe Ontario as follows:-

Moving Water - May 17-22 Madawaska Kanu Kamp

Canoe Tripping - June 15-23 Camp Wanapitei

Lake Water - June 9-17 Camp Ahmek

June 13-22 Camp Mini-Yo-We

For further information please contact:-

Canoe Ontario at 495-4180

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THIS & THAT

ONE IN A HUNDRED THOUSAND

A recent court case where an employee - injured while at work - has sued her employer and won, has shocked the insurance industry. The Workmens Compensation Act - where all employees are covered - means the W.C.B. looks after the injured party and recourse cannot be taken by the injured party against another employee or the employer.

.EXCEPT - owners or executive officers of a business that carries coverage with the W.C.B. do not have to register with and pay a premium for coverage with the W.C.B. - it is optional. However, should the owners or officers not take the coverage this means they are outside the "ACT". An injured employee - should he or she desire - can opt out of the W.C.B. coverage and sue the owner and/or officers for compensation because of the accident.

This is what happened in this recent court case. The owner of the business was not covered and the injured employee took him to court for compensation and won.

As an owner or officer of a business there are two options to protect oneself. Take the regular coverage offered by the W.C.B. or else have your Insurance Company add Employers Liability coverage to your Public Liability policy. This latter coverage would be added at no extra premium or a very small charge.

Cliff Labbett.

THE OCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Commercial

Jonan Transportation Service Ltd.
Muskoka Windsurfing Action Sports -
Distribution/Retail
J.D. Smith & Associates Insurance -
Inexpensive and Broad All Risk Coverage
General Insurance Package for Camps.

Individual

Patricia E. Carlson
Dorothy L. Chapman
Don Clark
Les Dickson
Kelly A. Fleischaker
Heather Gage
James T. Hurd
Carsten Jorgensen
Bryan Johnstone
Paul Donald Lasiuk
Margie R. Lawrence
Nancy Lounsbury
Donald S. McCuaig
Warren McLaren
Janet Morton
William D. Nutter
Janet L. Partanen
Denise Pidgeon
Helen Mary Prinold
Paul D. Scott
Mark James Smith
Jacqueline A. Stark
Sharon L. Veale

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THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE invites tenders for the provision of facilities for the 1984 OCA CANOE WORKSHOP WEEKEND, to be held in residence from after dinner Thursday, June 7 until after dinner Sunday, June 10.

Tenders should include:-

- cost per delegate for the course for accommodation and food.
- nature of accommodation.
- minimum/maximum number of delegates.
- other groups sharing site.
- site staff available and areas of expertise.
- types and numbers of canoes available.
- accessory equipment available (PFD's, paddles, etc.)
- diagrammatic layout of canoeing site.
- audio-visual equipment and films available for use on site.

Additional information is available from:

LISA WILSON (416) 425-9796

The deadline for submitting tenders is Feb. 14, 1984 at 4:00 P.M. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Canoe School Tender" to Aquatics Committee, Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont., M5M 3Z1.

Any tender must be open for acceptance for a period of 60 days from tender opening. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The Committee is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

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Invitations to Tender for ECO SKILLS WORKSHOP
June 8 - 10, 1984.

For more specific information please contact the Environmental Concerns Committee, Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3Z1.

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POSITION AVAILABLE FOR an experienced Assistant Director or Programme Director at a residential Youth Camp and Outdoor Education Facility (Minimum Six Month Season).

Please mail resume to:- G. B. Faulkner
Camp Catchacoma
R.R. #1
BUCKHORN, Ontario
KOL 1J0
(705) 657-8432.

Or Phone:

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CAMP DIRECTOR WANTED

For further information please contact:-

Mr. William Wood
Camp Summerland
39 Mississaga St. West
ORILLIA, Ontario
L3V 3A5
Phone: (705) 325-6168.

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WAR CANOES FOR SALE

Two large 30' war canoes. White fiberglass. Indestructible & unsinkable. Used, but in perfect condition. Will hold 15-30 kids. CCA approved. \$1,500 ea. Contact: Malcolm Macauley 2255 Glenwood School Drive, Burlington, Ont. L7R 3R6. Phone: (416) 634-7278.